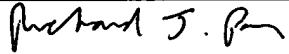


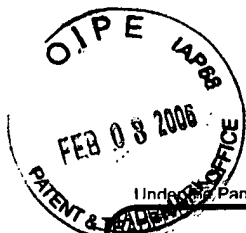
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of January 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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